

REMARKS

Claims 6-13 are pending and under consideration in the current application. Claims 1-5 and 14-20 were previously withdrawn as being drawn to the non-elected invention.

Status of Application

Applicants thank the Examiner for the previous notice of allowability of claims 7, 8 and 11-13, and for the withdrawal of the previous rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102(e) and 103(a). Applicants also thank the Examiner for the comment in the Advisory Action stating that all outstanding rejections of the claims have been overcome, and that the claims are therefore in condition for allowance.

Telephone Call with the Examiner

Applicants thank the Examiner for the telephone discussion with their representative, Thomas Sosson. It is Applicants' understanding that their representative and the Examiner discussed the exact requirements necessary for the substitute specification to satisfy 37 C.F.R. § 1.125.

Specification

The Examiner has apparently accepted all of the amendments to the specification, set forth in the amended specification provided to the Examiner. However, the Examiner had objected to the format of the substitute specification. It is Applicants' understanding that all of the claim rejections have been overcome, and that a proper copy of the marked-up specification is all that is required to place the application in full condition for allowance.

Applicants hereby submit a marked-up copy of the specification and a clean copy of the specification, to correct the formatting of the substitute specification, per the Examiner's request and instructions. Specifically, the marked-up and clean copies of the specification submitted herewith do not have the claims or the abstract starting on the same page as the specification.

In fact, Applicants have omitted the Abstract, per the Examiner's suggestion in the Advisory Action, as no changes are being made to the Abstract. Furthermore, Applicants have omitted the claims from both copies of the substitute specification, as provided for in 37 C.F.R. § 1.125(b). The marked up version of the claims, illustrating the changes made in the previous response to the Final Office Action, is submitted as part of the instant Amendment and Response to the Advisory Action.

No new matter has been added by way of the submission of the present copies of the substitute specification. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner's objections to the specification have been overcome, and that the application is in full condition for allowance.

Summary

Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims, including the amended claims, are fully supported in the specification as filed, and that no new matter has been added by way of the present Amendment and Response. A proper marked-up copy of the specification is provided herein per the Examiner's request.

Favorable examination and allowance of the claims is hereby requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if any issues arise in the consideration of the present Response.

Respectfully submitted,
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